Differences over education cess

461. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Group of Ministers to resolve differences over the use of the money collected as education cess;

(b) if so, the composition thereof;

(c) whether the GoM had met and discussed in this regard recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Linking of schools through EDUSAT

462. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the pilot project of his Ministry, 1,000 schools in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh will be linked through EDUSAT, the exclusive education satellite; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A pilot project for strengthening the quality of education and teacher's training through EDUSAT Supported Network is in the process of implementation. 850 schools in the State of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh are proposed to be connected under the pilot project through the EDUSAT Supported Network.

The project will cover four districts one each in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh with a Hub and Studio for the network